

Red Sox Have Distinct Advantage So Far As Third Basemen Are Concerned

Boston Red Sox Have Advantage When Merits of Third Basemen Are Reviewed by Hugh Fullerton

Larry Gardner Surpasses Stock as Care Taker of Their Positions—Byrne May Substitute for Phil. Candidate in Last Part of the Series.

HOW THEY LOOK TOGETHER

	Value in Offense.	Value in Defense.	Value in Season.	Value in Series.
Gardner	814	720	748	757
Stock-Byrne	666	713	716	716

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.
More cold comfort for Philadelphia. When the final figures showing the relative values of the third basemen who are rivals in this world's series are compiled and reduced to the concrete, we find Boston's Red Sox again have the advantage.

The advantage this time is a bit larger than we have found elsewhere save in center field.

Stock, in fact, compares so badly with Larry Gardner for the purposes of a world's series that, even allowing for all claims of improvement made for him by the Philadelphia's, still he is beaten far and away. As Moran knows these things perhaps better than any of us outsiders do, I expect that Bobby Byrne will be in there helping out with his rich experience, his gameness, and fighting ability during at least part of the series, and I have figured Philadelphia's third basemen on the basis of five parts Stock and two parts Byrne.

This combination is rather unfortunate, for the showing it makes, while good as compared with the average third basemen, looks bad when laid up in cold figures alongside the value of Larry Gardner. For this fellow Gardner is today the ranking third basemen of the country in all around value to the team.

WENT TO THIRD BY LUCK.

An odd case is that of Gardner. He was a second basemen of some merit, but held the job mainly because he could hit, as he was an unpolished gem and jarred the harmony of the field. One day John I. Taylor got one of those bug buttons that seize magnates at times, and ordered his manager to put Gardner over at third. He had seen Larry practice there for a few minutes. Gardner didn't like the thought, a great deal, but he is one of those smart, quiet, intelligent Yankees, and he went over there because third basing is a padding corner with playing second and first. And instead of just grabbing a sure cure, he became, almost overnight, the sensation of the league, the best and cleanest fielding third basemen of them all, an instinctive third basemen, a great thrower, a fellow who got the jump on bunt, who blocked down the hard ones who tagged runners and blocked them off. In fact, he looked as if he had played third base all his life. Now, oddly enough, Gardner has not been fielding the base as well this season as he has done in preceding years, but he has been doing it well enough to hang right on at the top of the third basemen of the league.

Georgetown Hopes To Give Navy Good Game

Coach Exendine Makes Several Changes in Hilltoppers Line-up for Contest With Middies—Tracy, Corcoran, McNamara, and Fitzgerald Earn Berths.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Confident of making a respectable showing, but not claiming any victory beforehand, the Georgetown gridiron squad went to Annapolis today to tackle the Navy team, coached in the very latest styles of Harvard football. By nightfall the football world should have some line on the merits of the Middies for 1915, as the Blue and Gray is strong enough to bring out an opponent has. Coach Exendine, dissatisfied with the work of several men in the Princeton game, has shaken up his team for today's battle with the Middies. McNamara's fine work in the daily scrimmage has given him the call over Jackie Maloney at center, though he will be brilliant running and ability to cling to the ball is impressing the coaches at the Hilltop.

Tracy and "Bunny" Corcoran are expected to start at end today. They have earned his chance by the hardest kind of work in the scrimmaging at the Hilltop and looked upon as the best pair of ends in the squad. Dan O'Connor is again playing in the line has caused Coach Exendine to pull out Tom Gornley and substitute the big Boston boy.

"Blondy" Mahlum will start at his old position, left guard, where he shone in more than one game last season. Charlie Fitzgerald has the call over McCarthy for center, though he will be judged more by his work today than by what he has been doing in the practice sessions across the creek.

Though Gilroy, Wall and Dempsey will start in the backfield, Leighty is practically certain of playing part of the game. He has recovered fully from his recent injury and has been starring in the scrums.

A cheering squad, numbering close to two hundred, followed the Georgetown squad to Annapolis. Quarterback Hilltoppers' sons and yells will be heard encouraging the athletes in their scrap on the gridiron.

The Middies expect to win today's contest, though no cakewalk is looked for. The eleven worked in the mud yesterday in order to be prepared for the inclement conditions today. Coach Ingram is putting his heaviest line-up into the game to take whatever advantage weight will have on the slippery field.

Fenn's line promises to be one of the heaviest in the country this season. Russell, Henning, Dorizas, Neill, and Withrow averaged more than 200 pounds.

Yale thought she had a wonderful tackle last year in Von Holt, and he, doubtless, would have earned a regular place on the varsity team, but for

a lot harder, although even then he wasn't a Lajolo.

So Byrne, the veteran, took the understudy role, and as Stock has been going along well, Moran, like other managers, would be foolish to make a change while the team is winning.

However, the figures plainly reveal the fact that Pat probably would strengthen the team by sending Byrne to third for the series, especially as Byrne was through one world's series when with Pittsburgh, and the experience is valuable.

Byrne has played around the circuit nine seasons now and always has been a capable and fighting ball player with a lot of punch and ginger in him. Stock has not shown much evidence of the fighting spirit.

Probably, for a regular season and under the present conditions, Stock is the better man for Moran's use, but when we come to examine what they are likely to do in a world's series, it is a different story. Not that either one of them is liable to go overboard, but if they are to be used as a team, the chances are better for Byrne to do some hitting than for Stock.

If Carrigan's pitchers go into this series on edge, which they undoubtedly will, as he has more good ones than is needed by the two clubs, Stock will be nearly helpless. Byrne has in the past been a fellow who took a nice, snappy crack at the offerings of the left-handers, especially, which might help a lot, as it is a cinch that Carrigan will use southpaws in three games out of six, if it goes that far, and perhaps more.

Stock has not been doing much pinch hitting, and the fast boys seem to have him chafed to death. Under those circumstances, Wood ought to make him hush his bat, and he doesn't figure much better against either Foster or Leonard. Byrne's experience might help, and his courage in standing up to speed and taking his healthiest may make Moran's plan after the series starts, if not before.

In fielding, Byrne is more experienced and about equal of his team mate and a better judge of pitching, according to the players. Gardner figures to be one of the few Red Sox who will play well against Alexander, but you may wipe him off the slate about like if Epina Jephtha is near his best form.

The comparison is scarcely flattering to the National League champions and gives the Red Sox a slightly larger advantage on the comparison of the entire infield than they had when I started doing them out. On the total infield comparison, the Red Sox figure 2.35 to the Philadelphia's 2.88, which is a considerable lead, especially since the greater portion of it is due to the greater attacking strength of the Sox. Besides, Carrigan appears to have the more mobile infield strength. Garner's ability to hit left handers offsets Holroyd's, and with Carrigan as an understudy for second or short, with Janvin an understudy almost anywhere, Carrigan has much the advantage in his actions around third in emergencies. Moran's team is sadly weak on subs.

Tomorrow will pass on to the right fielders. It's a shame that means another argument, no matter what the figures say.

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ARMY OPENS SEASON AGAINST HOLY CROS

Injuries Force Charlie Daly to Send Patched-up Team in the Contest.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Oct. 2.—The stage is set for the Army's opening battle with Holy Cross. Rain drove the big team to cover yesterday, and after a short session on the gridiron the coaches, fearing to take any chances, ordered all hands in to the gym for the final work out.

A sharp signal drill, during which all the players to be used were rehearsed, was followed by lengthy chalk talk by the coaches. Holy Cross, with a victory over Bates to its credit, is looked upon as a worthy opponent for the cadets and will line up in its strongest combination.

Injuries to some of the more promising candidates will make a patched up team necessary at the start. McEwan, with a bad shoulder, is likely to give way early to Weems at center. Jones and O'Haire will be the guards. Captain Weyand and Timberlake the tackles, with either Redfield or Tully at one end and Walker at the other. Neyland and Gilpin will alternate at quarterback. Coffin, Ford and Mitchell will make up the balance of the backfield.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 2.—Several new faces will appear in Harvard's initial lineup against the Massachusetts college today. The varsity catcher, has displaced Coolidge at left end, and Mose Taylor will start Wiggin at center.

Lunn will play left guard, vice Cowen, who is still on the injured list. Although Coach Haughton has Captain Mahan, Dickline and Don Watson down for his backfield, only Mahan is likely to play. King's leg is still ailing and Watson is under the doctor's care.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 2.—Yale looks for a hard game today with Virginia, of whom little definite is known. The Ella will line up as follows: Left end, Mosely; left tackle, C. Sheldon; left guard, Jim Sheldon; center, Smith; right guard, Robert Smith; tackle, Babalada; right end, Allen; quarterback, Thompson; left halfback, Captain Wilson; right halfback, Smith; fullback, Guernsey.

Harry Le Gore has not recovered from his bruised shoulder and so will not play. Smith, displacing Scott today, was end on the freshman team last year.

Big League Averages

Batting Averages

Players—Clubs. G. AB. R. H. E. S. B. A. V.

Cobb, Det. 153 600 143 202 90 9 .307

McCollins, Chi. 150 515 108 144 24 .284

Fournier, Chi. 123 415 88 118 13 .283

Speake, Bos. 121 385 122 129 20 .335

Ruth, Bos. 99 378 108 126 13 .332

McInnis, Ath. 115 443 108 126 13 .332

Grege, Bos. 116 393 108 126 13 .332

Veatch, Det. 109 358 81 115 17 .314

Jackson, Chi. 124 450 108 141 14 .312

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